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Resolution Authorizing Filing of Survey and Planning Application
Downtown Waterfront, Faneuil Hall Renewal Area

WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (herein referred to as "Title I"), the Housing and Home Finance Administrator is authorized to extend financial assistance to local public agencies in the elimination and prevention of the spread of their slums and urban blight through the planning and undertaking of urban renewal projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Boston Redevelopment Authority make surveys and prepare plans, presently estimated to cost approximately eight hundred and eighty-eight thousand, seven hundred and seven dollars (\$888,707), in order to undertake and carry out an urban renewal project of the character contemplated by Section 110(c) of Title I, in that area proposed as an Urban Renewal Area, situated in the City of Boston, County of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, which is described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the U. S. Pierhead Line extended and the southwesterly sideline of Northern Avenue Bridge and running northwesterly by Northern Avenue to the westerly sideline of the Fitzgerald Expressway;

thence turning and running northerly and northwesterly by the westerly sideline of the Fitzgerald Expressway to the southerly sideline of State Street;

thence turning and running westerly by the southerly sideline of State Street to the easterly sideline of Change Avenue extended;

thence turning and running in a northerly direction along the extended easterly sideline and the easterly sideline of Change Avenue to an intersection with the northerly property line of 60 State Street;

thence turning and running in an easterly direction by various courses and distances along the northerly property line of 60 State Street, and continue running in an easterly direction along the northerly property line of 80 State Street and said property line extended to an intersection with the easterly sideline of Merchants Row;

thence turning and running in a northerly direction along the extended easterly sideline of Merchants Row to an intersection with the building line of 45 to 43 Chatham Street which is also the northerly sideline of Chatham Street;

thence turning and running in westerly direction along the northerly sideline of (building line of 45 to 43) Chatham Street to an intersection with the easterly sideline of Merchants Row;

thence turning and running in a northerly direction along the easterly sideline and the easterly sideline extended of Merchants Row to an intersection with the extended southern building line of Faneuil Hall;

thence turning and running in a westerly direction along the extended southern building line and the southern building line of Faneuil Hall to an intersection with the westerly building line of Faneuil Hall;

thence turning and running in a northerly direction along the westerly building line of Faneuil Hall and said building line extended to an intersection with the northwesterly sideline of North Street;

thence turning and running in a southwesterly direction along the northwesterly sideline of North Street to an intersection with the easterly sideline of Union Street;

thence turning and running in a northerly direction along the easterly sideline of Union Street to an intersection with the southeasterly sideline of Hanover Street;

thence turning and running in a northeasterly direction along the southeasterly sideline of Hanover Street to an intersection with the southwesterly sideline of Blackstone Street;

thence turning and running southeasterly by the southwesterly sideline of Blackstone Street to the northwesterly sideline of North Street;

thence turning and running northeasterly, southeasterly, and northerly by the northwesterly sideline of North Street to the southwesterly sideline of Commercial Street;

thence turning and running northwesterly by the southwesterly sideline of Commercial Street to northwesterly property line of 415 Commercial Street extended;

thence turning and running northeasterly by the northwesterly property line of 415 Commercial Street to the northeasterly property line of 415 Commercial Street;

thence turning and running southeasterly by the northeasterly line of 415 Commercial Street and of 409 Commercial Street to the southeasterly sideline of Constitution Wharf;

thence turning and running northeasterly by the southeasterly sideline of Constitution Wharf extended to the U.S. Pierhead Line;

thence turning and running southerly and southwesterly by the U. S. Pierhead Line to the point of beginning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Boston Redevelopment Authority:

1. That the proposed Urban Renewal Area described above is a slum, blighted, deteriorated, or deteriorating area appropriate for an urban renewal project, that the development of such Area for predominantly non-residential uses is necessary for the proper development of the community and that the undertaking by the Boston Redevelopment Authority of surveys and plans for an urban renewal project of the character contemplated by Section 110(c) of Title I in the proposed Urban Renewal Area is hereby approved.

2. That the financial assistance available under Title I is needed to enable the Boston Redevelopment Authority to finance the planning and undertaking of the proposed Project.

3. That it is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of urban renewal projects with Federal financial assistance under Title I, including those relating to the relocation of site occupants, to the provision of local grants-in-aid, and to the requirement that as a condition to the execution of a contract for a loan or capital grant for an urban renewal project, the locality must present to the Housing and Home Finance Administrator a Workable Program, as set forth in Section 101(c) of Title I, for utilizing appropriate public and private resources to eliminate and prevent the development or spread of slums and urban blight; and that it is the sense of this body (a) that a feasible method for the relocation of families displaced from the urban renewal area, in conformity with Title I, can be prepared, and (b) that local grants-in-aid can and will be provided in an amount which will be not less than one-third of the Net Project Cost of the Project, and which, together with the Federal capital grant, will be generally equal to the difference between Gross Project Cost and the proceeds or value of project land sold, leased, or retained for use in accordance with the urban renewal plan.

4. That the filing of an application by Boston Redevelopment Authority for an Advance of funds from the United States of America in an amount not to exceed eight hundred and eighty-eight thousand, seven hundred and seven dollars (\$888,707) for surveys and plans for an urban renewal project in the proposed Urban Renewal Area described above is hereby approved, and that the Development Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application with the Housing and Home Finance Administrator, to provide such additional information and to furnish such documents as may be required by the Administrator, and to act as the authorized representative of the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

Resolution amended by vote at meeting of January 16, 1963 as follows:

VOTED: that the Boston Redevelopment Authority is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of urban renewal projects with Federal financial assistance under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, including those prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, creed or national origin, and will abide by such conditions in carrying out planning activities contemplated by the Survey and Planning Applications currently pending for the Waterfront Urban Renewal Project, Mass. R-77, the Central Business District Urban Renewal Project, Mass. R-82, and the South Cove Urban Renewal Project, and further, that the Resolutions previously adopted by the Authority with respect to the foregoing Survey and Planning Applications, filed in the Document Book of the Authority as Documents No. 196, 202 and 223 respectively, are hereby amended to this effect.